Thou shew'st the naked pathway to thy life,
Teaching sterne murther how to butcher thee:
That which in meane men we intitle patience
Is pale cold cowardise in noble breasts :
What shall I say, to safegard thine owne life,
The best way is to venge my *Glosters* death.
Gaunt. Heavens is the quarrell: for Heavens substitute
His Deputy annoynted in his sight,
Hath caus'd his death, the which if wrongfully
Let heaven revenge: for I may neuer lift
An angry arme against his Minister.
Dut. Where then (alas) may I complaine my selfe?
Gan. To heaven, the widdowes Champion to defence.
Dut. Why then I will: farewell old *Gaunt*.
Thou go'st to Coventry, there to behold
Our Cosin *Hereford*, and fell *Mowbray* fight:
O sit my husbands wrongs on *Herefords* speare,
That it may enter butcher Mowbrayes breast:
Or if misfortune misse the first carreere,
Be *Mowbrayes* sinnes so heavy in his bosome,
That they may breake his foaming coursers backe,
And throw the Rider headlong in the Lists,
A Caytiffe recreant to my Cosin *Hereford*.
Farewell old *Gaunt*, thy sometimes brothers wife
With her companion Greefe, must end her life.
Gau. Sister fare well; I must to Coventry,
As much good stay with thee, as go with me.
Dut. Yet one word more Greefe boundeth where it falls,
Not with the empty hollownesse, but weight.
I take my leaue before I haue begun,
For sorrow ends not: when it seemeth done.
Commend me to my brother *Edward Yorke*.
Loe, this is all: nay yet depart not so,
Though this be all, do not so quickely goe,
I shall remember more. Bid him, Oh, what?
With all good speed at *Plesbie* visite me.
Alacke, and what shall good old *Yorke* there see
But empty lodgings, and unfurnish'd walles,

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Vn-peopl'd Offices, untroc
And what heare there for we
Therefore commend me, let
To seeke out sorrow, that d
Desolate, desolate will I hen
The last leave of thee, takes n

Scæna

Enter Marshall,

Mar. My L. *Aumerle*, is
Aum. Yea, at all poynts,
Mar. The Duke of Norfol
Stayes but the summons of t
Au. Why then the Champ
For nothing but his Maiesties

Enter King, Gaunt, Bus
and others: Then Mo
mor, and Ha

Rich. Marshall, demand
The cause of his arrivall here
Aske him his name, and orde
To sweare him in the justice
Mar. In Gods Name, and t
And why thou com'st, thus
Against what man thou com'
Speake truely, on thy Knight
As so defend thee heaven, an
Mow. My name is *Tho*.
Who hither come engaged b
(Which heaven defend a Kn
Both to defend my loyalty
To God, my King, and his
Against the Duke of Herefo

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